SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 399 By Cooper J

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize John Ryan O'Connor, 2003 Valedictorian of Coffee County Central High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, John O'Connor is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2003 graduating class at Coffee County Central High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, John O'Connor has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, John O'Connor has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, John O'Connor's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; he plans to attend the University of Tennessee on Bicentennial, Alumni Association Valedictorian, and Appalachian Scholars Scholarships; and

WHEREAS, an extremely talented and well-rounded young man, John is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Spanish Club, Spanish National Honor Society, National Honor Society, Band Executive Committee, HOBY, Youth Leadership Conference, his church youth group, praise group, has held many offices in several of these organizations; he is also the Senior Class President; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, John has received many; he was Exchange Club Student of the Month, Outstanding Student of America, won the U.S. National Mathematics Award, was Homecoming King, was voted "Outstanding Senior" by the faculty, and received a letter of commendation from the National Merit Corporation; and

WHEREAS, John O'Connor's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, John and Deborah O'Connor, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, John O'Connor's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor 2003 Coffee County Central High School Valedictorian, John Ryan O'Connor, on his impressive academic achievement, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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